

I favor dropping the Morse requirement for all license classes, but I oppose granting HF phone privileges to Technician Class licensees as requested in RM-10781. The step between the Tech and General Class licenses is not that great. With the Morse barrier eliminated, Tech licensees will have little trouble upgrading to General if they desire broad HF privileges. Further, the cw allocations for Tech (with code) and Novice class licensees needs to be considered in a broad "spectrum refarming" review. This petition is too narrow in scope, and should be denied.